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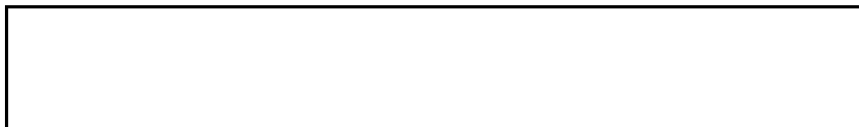
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*South Vietnam: [The younger generals who saved Khanh last Sunday by putting down the coup attempt are growing more assertive in pressing their demands on him.]

[] If Khanh wished to keep his support and that of General Thi, Xung's successor as I Corps commander, he would have to purge the army of such corrupt elements as the officers involved in Sunday's coup attempt and the five generals of the Minh junta earlier accused of neutralist plotting by Khanh.]

[Xung has also expressed support for the radical reform movement of Hue University Professor Dr. Quyen, stating that Khanh must install a civilian government by 1 November and that the army must get out of politics. Xung said that Thi shares this viewpoint.]

[Insistence that Khanh stick to his schedule in returning the country to civilian rule was also echoed by the air force chief, General Ky, who told the press yesterday the younger generals would take action if Khanh fails to make early progress in response to their demands.]

Five of the principal leaders of the 13 September coup attempt have now been arrested, according to the government radio in Saigon. Two of them held

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out at 7th Division headquarters in the delta for several days but finally presented themselves for surrender yesterday. Latest indications are that they face trial and possibly severe punishment.

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Cyprus: [President Makarios says he is determined to conclude a military agreement with the USSR regardless of objections from the Greek Government.]

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[] the Greek Government is urging him to prolong the negotiations in Moscow. Greek officials argue that this will exert pressure on the Western powers, but Makarios believes that Athens' real concern is the effect a Cyprus-Soviet agreement would have on Greece's strategic position. He says that this consideration is "irrelevant."]

[A Cypriot delegation has been in Moscow since 11 September, but there has been no clear evidence thus far that a formal aid agreement will be reached.]

[Makarios admits that there is disagreement within the Cypriot Government over the issue. General Grivas and Minister of Labor Papadopoulos support the Greek Government's position, but Makarios intends to ignore them too.]

[Makarios will be in Athens for King Constantine's wedding tomorrow, and the Greeks presumably will again press him on this question.]

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*Congo: Tshombé may be facing new international difficulties.

The Organization of African Unity's special Congo mission meets in Nairobi tomorrow, and its radical members are likely to press hard to enhance the status of the Congo rebels.

Recent statements by the Egyptian ambassador in Leopoldville indicate that Cairo--which is represented on the commission--intends to support proposals obviously calculated to favor the rebels. Ghana, and probably Guinea and Somalia, can be expected to take a similar line.

Kenyan Prime Minister Kenyatta, the chairman of the commission, appears disposed to move cautiously. Late last week he evidently was planning to confine the commission's activities initially to the Congo's difficulties with its neighbors and to delay inviting "Congolese factions" to Nairobi until some later date.

[Tshombé, who plans to go to Nairobi, is anxious to delay receiving the commission in the Congo at least until late this month so that he can first gain more military victories. According to Congolese officials, Tshombé will not cooperate with the commission if it invites rebel leaders to Nairobi.]

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France-NATO: French vessels and naval officers associated with the English Channel and Atlantic NATO commands have been instructed not to participate in a NATO naval exercise which is to take place 21 to 28 September.

The French were to have participated as a force under national command on the basis of agreements concluded earlier in the year between SACLANT and the French Navy. These agreements followed the withdrawal by De Gaulle of French naval officers from NATO staffs, and of its naval force from NATO command in 1964.

On 15 September a French Foreign Ministry official told a US Embassy officer in Paris that De Gaulle had reversed his position on cooperation in the exercise last week after he came to suspect that French naval officers were disregarding his views about their activities within NATO commands.

The official also noted press accounts of remarks by SACLANT calling attention to French cooperation with NATO naval commands, but denied that these had any connection with the cancellation of French participation in the exercise.

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France-USSR: [France will offer the USSR ten-year credit guarantees during commercial negotiations scheduled to begin on 5 October, according to an official of the Finance Ministry. The ten-year term will commence on the date of contract signature, thereby effectively lengthening present credit terms by only two or three years, since under current practice the five-year term begins on the date of delivery. The offer may run into difficulty, however, if Paris insists, as it reportedly intends, that the USSR maintain its present level of purchases on five-year credits, and in addition buy an equal amount of commodities under the new ten-year credit terms.]

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*Spain-Cuba: [General Franco's personal reaction to the 13 September attack on a Spanish freighter off the Cuban coast was highly emotional. [redacted] the expulsion of Cuban exiles now in Spain is one of the possible actions the Spanish might take in retribution.]

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NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES

The United States Intelligence Board on 16 September 1964 approved the following national intelligence estimates:

SNIE 54/55-64, "Short-Term Prospects in the
Malaysia/Indonesia Conflict."

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SNIE 85-3-64, "Likelihood of Reintroduction of
Soviet Offensive Missiles into
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